

I will continue to do everything in my power to move welfare reform forward in the States and in Washington.

peace and security throughout the Euro-Atlantic area.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Partnership For Peace

August 17, 1995

*Dear Mr. Chairman: (Dear Claiborne:)
(Dear Lee:)*

In accordance with Section 514(a) of Public Law 103-236 (22 U.S.C. 1928(a)), I am submitting to you this report on implementation of the Partnership for Peace (PFP) initiative.

The ongoing adaptation of Europe's security structures to post-Cold War realities remains one of our highest foreign policy priorities. A central element of this adaptation is the extension of NATO's zone of stability and security to include Europe's emerging democracies. Over the past year and a half the Partnership for Peace has made a significant contribution to this goal by forging new cooperative ties between the Alliance and its partners. This U.S. initiative has united NATO Allies with former adversaries and traditionally neutral states in a partnership based on respect for democratic principles, peaceful resolution of disputes, and practical cooperation. Consistent with our broad, inclusive approach to European security, the Partnership embraces 26 partner states, including Russia.

For all Partners, PFP will be an enduring instrument for forging stronger ties with NATO. For those Partners interested in joining NATO, PFP will be the path to membership.

Already, through joint training exercises and other PFP activities, PFP is helping interested Partners improve the ability of their forces to work alongside NATO's for possible future joint missions. As you will see from the attached report, NATO and its partners have made impressive progress in broadening and deepening the Partnership over the past year. We are working with our Allies and Partners to build on the Partnership's early momentum, in the shared conviction that cooperation and common action are among the best means to achieving lasting

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Jesse Helms, chairman, and Claiborne Pell, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and Benjamin A. Gilman, chairman, and Lee H. Hamilton, ranking member, House Committee on International Relations.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 11¹

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Colvin Rhodes as Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Beth Dozoretz to serve as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gregory Lashutka and reappoint Paul Burke to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

August 14

The White House announced that the President named Donald A. Baer as Assistant to the President and Director of Communications.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia J. Beneke to serve as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy E. McFadden as General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Phillip J. Shepherd as Federal Rep-

¹ These items were not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.